

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Claims 18-21 are rejected for the reasons discussed below. Claim 22 is objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has canceled Claim 22 and incorporated the features of former Claim 22 into Claim 18.

Claims 1-17 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this acknowledgement of patentable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schultz et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,255,848 ("Schultz"). Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that Schultz does not teach or even suggest the features of the claimed inventions. However, Applicant believes the rejection is moot in light of the present amendment to Claim 18.

In particular, Applicant has amended Claim 18 to include the features of canceled Claim 22. Claim 22 was objected to by the Examiner, but indicated as allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. Claim 18 now corresponds to canceled Claim 22. Therefore, Applicant believes Claim 18 is allowable, and allowance of Claim 18 is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 18, and thus include all of the limitations of Claim 18. Applicant believes Claim 18 is allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, Applicant believes Claims 19-21 are also allowable, and respectfully requests allowance of Claims 19-21.

Conclusion

No new matter has been introduced by any of the above amendments. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that Claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is therefore requested. If action other than allowance is contemplated by the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's attorney, Justin Liu, at 408-879-4641.

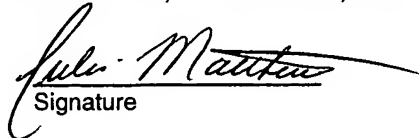
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